



Wednesday 7th – Sunday 11th May 2025

OWNERS AND RIDERS

This information only applies to those Owners and Riders whose horses have been accepted to compete at Badminton.

START LIST

The Starting Order will be published on our website after the Draw which is at 1400 hrs on Tuesday 22nd April. If a rider has 2 horses, please remember that their order of starting is drawn as well, i.e., it cannot be requested / specified by the rider. NB. This year the Draw will not be streamed on Facebook live but will be recorded.

CATERING FACILITIES AT BADMINTON

Inside the *Collecting Ring* there is a Snack Bar and TV Tent for Owners, Riders and Grooms. In conjunction with EHOA we are again providing complimentary tea, coffee and soft drinks, there will also be a pay bar and a range of snack food to purchase. This is only open to those with ID Wristlets, i.e. connections of horses that actually start. It is open Thursday - Sunday.

Owners and Riders have complimentary membership of the Weatherbys Hamilton sponsored *Badminton Members Enclosure* (at the south end of the Main Arena). Here snacks and full meals are served. A limited number of tables may be booked in advance *but may only be used for the duration of the meal*. This facility has closed circuit TV and private toilets – *please also see Documents*.

Please also note our details about the *Portcullis Club* (*see Documents*). A discounted price is on offer for Owners and Riders and others interested who already have car passes and admission tickets. Please see Booking Form for discounted prices and download and return if you wish to reserve places.

NB: Riders - The refreshment vouchers we give you (in £1 units) can be used anywhere on the showground, except the Directors Tent and Portcullis Club. They can also be used in the Stables Canteen, which is open for breakfast, lunch & supper from Monday evening onwards.

CARS ON SITE & SHUTTLE

This year again no cars at all will be allowed up into the Park, other than in the Central Car Park. There will be a golf buggy shuttle service from the stables and horsebox park to the practice arenas and collecting ring on *Wednesday* (9am – 7pm); *Thursday & Friday* (7am – 5pm); *Saturday* (7am – 6.30pm); *Sunday* (6.30am – 4.30pm).

CAR PASSES, BADGES & ID WRISTLETS

The subject of *Car Passes and Badges* is often emotive - ID Wristlets for admission to Stables, Box and Collecting Ring will only be issued here at Badminton to those with horses actually running, as will the owners, competitors and grooms badges.

The special Car Passes that you will get, entitle you to bring in any number of passengers. However, all cars must be parked on site in the Central / Park Piece Car Parks or in the Owners / Competitors' Horsebox / Caravan Park, if you are actually competing, and **not** at the Collecting Ring, Stables etc. We will be providing Security Guards on the Owners / Competitors' Horsebox / Caravan park to ensure that only those with appropriate labels/badges/ID wristlets are permitted entry.

The badges also give admission to the ringside Badminton Weatherbys Hamilton Members Enclosure, and to the House side of the Horse Inspection area.

Here is a list of what you will automatically receive (as long as your horse competes):

- **Owners**
1 x **Central Car Park** Pass and 2 Badges /ID Wristlets to each Owner, up to a maximum of three owners per horse.
- **Riders**
1 x **Competitor** and 2 x **Competitor Support Car Park** Passes – the **Competitor** pass is to cover the rider / husband / wife / friend, extra groom; the 2 **Competitor Support Car Park** Passes can go to whoever you like, e.g. family, your trainer, equine therapist etc. or other friends. 4 Badges / ID Wristlets again to cover yourself / family / trainer. Please do **NOT** give these to other connections (e.g. personal photographers) as they are not allowed into the stables or collecting ring. We will ask for the names of those receiving wristlets.
- **Groom**
1 Badge / ID Wristlet per horse.

ARMBANDS

On arrival at Badminton each competitor will be issued with 3 armbands, to be worn while walking the cross-country course. Anyone without an armband must walk **outside the string**.

STABLE PASSES

If the **rider** particularly wants family or a sponsor to come into the Stables, you can come personally to the Event Organiser's Office and ask for a day pass. (NB. These passes will not be issued to anybody unless accompanied by the rider).

VETERINARY SERVICES

Our onsite Veterinary cover will again be provided by the well-known B & W Equine Clinic. The Vets concerned will be John Killingbeck, Richard Hepburn and Ollie Crowe – all very experienced and specialist equine practitioners.

Antech and SOUND Vet will be offering facilities which will include a mobile laboratory offering haematology analysis, electrolyte and blood gas analysis, a chemistry analyser and a statspin centrifuge; there will be video endoscopy equipment with specialist staff; digital radiographic equipment; ultrasonographic equipment and there will be a weighbridge in the Riding School Yard.

Please note that this year our veterinary team will again come round the stables on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and quickly listen to all horses' hearts while at rest. This should ensure that any irregularities can be discussed with you well before the horses are, as usual, checked again just before they start cross country.

Any veterinarian who wants admission to the Stables or to treat a horse in any way must complete an FEI PTV-PET Registration Form on arrival at the Event (See FEI PTV-PET Registration *in "documents"*) and be in possession of an FEI PTV Photographic ID Card, in order to be issued with the relevant "Badminton" ID Wristlet.

If you or your vet has any queries about the FEI Veterinary Regulations, please telephone Tim Randle, our Veterinary Services Manager for guidance (Tel: 07890 260971).

EQUINE THERAPISTS

See **FEI PTV-PET Registration Form** (*in Documents*). The FEI Veterinary Regulations require all PETs to be approved by our Veterinary Delegate and be supervised by a vet. Equine Therapists must also be in possession of an FEI PET Photographic ID card.

We will give those that register at the Event access to the stables (as previously). For 2025, we will also give access to the Collecting Ring on Thursday, Friday & Sunday and the Cooldown Area (but not Collecting Ring) on the Saturday. Access to therapists will be limited to when your horse is in either area. Wristlets will be issued accordingly at the Event Organisers Office.

EHV-1 BIOSECURITY

Please see relevant document and make sure you are compliant with the requirements that are in place prior to your arrival at Badminton.

HORSES TRAVELLING FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

Please see document (Badminton Health Certificates 2025 – information for Competitors) with regard to obtaining horse export health certificates.

SADDLERY

'The Saddle Man' will generously be providing an emergency saddlery repair service, free of charge to all riders. Please contact Stable Managers for times and availability.

HUMAN PHYSIOTHERAPIST

As for 2024, there will be a human physiotherapist on site. Further details will be included in the information sent out just prior to the event.

WITHDRAWALS

Because we simply do not have room, I am afraid we cannot allow riders or owners of withdrawn horses to have a site in the Owners / Riders "Horsebox / Caravan Site".

WEB SITE

If any rider or owner would like a link from our website to theirs, please contact Suzy Stephens (suzy.stephens@badminton-horse.co.uk).

OWNERS & COMPETITORS HORSEBOX / CARAVAN PARK

As for 2024, the Owners and Riders horsebox/caravan parking will be together in one field.

Competitors (that compete) are automatically allocated one site. (NB: I am afraid if a competitor withdraws, a site will not be available).

Owners – please contact Alex Harbottle if you wish to book a site, advising type of vehicle and size. NB: All motorhomes/caravans must be able to be self-driven and not statics. Tel: 01454 218272 Email: alex.harbottle@badminton-horse.co.uk Closing Date for applications Friday 26th April 2025.

Electrical Hook-Ups

One hook-up per competitor will be complimentary.

Owners, please advise Alex Harbottle, as per above, if you wish to purchase a hook-up connection at £155.00 (incl. VAT).

FIRST HORSE INSPECTION

Once again HiHo will be providing a prize for the best dressed rider – both male and female, so start working on an appropriate outfit!

BADMINTON RETREAT

The Badminton Retreat offer luxury accommodation on the cross country course at Huntsman's Close very convenient to the stables, please visit their website www.badmintonretreat.co.uk. They also have a great restaurant and bar that everyone is welcome to visit. If you would like to book a table, please email restaurant@badmintonretreat.com.

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION (ETA) TO ENTER UK

Owners/Grooms/Riders travelling to GBR from abroad.

The UK government is introducing an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme for all visitors to the UK, an ETA is a digital permission to travel and if you are not a UK or Irish national, you may need one to enter the UK.

What you need to know:

From 2nd April 2025, all visitors who are not UK or Irish nationals will be required to purchase an ETA before they travel to the UK.

An ETA will cost £10 per applicant and will be linked to your passport.

It will permit multiple journeys and will be valid for two years or until the holder's passport expires, whichever is sooner.

If this applies to you, you will need to complete this process online yourself. Please visit [APPLY FOR AN ETA](#) and make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.

If you arrive at the airport without the correct documents, you might not be able to fly.

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EVENT DIRECTOR

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